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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

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Filed: CONCURRENTLY

FILTERING A COLLECTION OF SAMPLES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (amended) A method of filtering a collection (COL) of samples (Si), [characterized in that] wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- distinguishing (DIS) between valid samples (Si+) and non-valid samples (Si-) on the basis of auxiliary data (AUX); and
- deriving (DER) filtered samples (So), which are associated with the valid samples (Si+), exclusively on the basis of the valid samples (Si+).

Claim 2. (amended) A method of filtering as claimed in claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the method comprises the step of:

- deriving a filtered sample from a set of filter input values which is fixed in size; each filter input